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1. As early as May 1954, Hauptverwaltung Schiffbau (Shipbuilding Main Administration) was far behind the quota provided for in the national economic plan. On 30 April 1954, the arrears in filling the plan had reached an amount of about 28,000,000 eastmarks. It was believed that this lagging behind the quota was because the quota had been given to the plants too late, and, as a result, the supply of materials was delayed. Since the national economic plan had to be filled under all circumstances, emergency measures were considered by the Shipbuilding Main Administration to make up the delay in fulfilling the plan. For this reason an extraordinary meeting was convened by Shipbuilding Main Administration for 13 May 1954, the conference being representatives of all main administrations supplying the shipbuilding industry.

2.

Iron sheets needed exclusively for ship construction to fill the 1954 quota included:

7 mm sheets	490 tons
8 mm sheets	3,348 tons
9 mm sheets	647 tons
10 mm sheets	650 tons
20 mm sheets	73 tons
35 mm sheets	15 tons
40 mm sheets	16 tons
65 mm sheets	18 tons

it would be impossible to fill the quota unless the quantities of sheet iron were supplied. despite the shortage of material, as much as 75 percent of the 1955 quota had been filled.

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